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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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IT WAS NOT A TRULY momentous year, or even an outstanding one, for no world-shaking event took place. It was, however, a significant year, a time when some lasting influences were felt amid the flow of commonplace events. It was a year of change and chance, a year of violence and victory, a year of plague and plenty, a year of progress and problem; but by and large, 1910 was an ordinary year.

A plague swept India that year, claiming half a million lives, and severe floods raged in Belgium, France, Switzerland, and Japan. Frequently through the year Great Britain and the United States were hampered by widespread labor strikes in their coal mines and transportation systems. The Union of South Africa was inaugurated in May of that year, and in

of tolerance, especially when curbs were put on the influx of Catholic religious orders.

The Pentecostal revival in 1910 was found in many parts of the world. The revival had been born simultaneously in many countries, and missionaries were going from these to still other countries. The Church of God, a small segment of the world-wide revival, was at that time confined to the southeastern U.S.A., with thirty-one congregations and 1,005 members in Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. It was in that same year that Church of God emissaries went forth to other parts of the world: R. M. Evans, Ida Evans, and Carl M. Padgett to the Bahama Islands; Lillian Thrasher to Egypt; and Sam C. Perry to Cuba. In the United States, the church extended its ministry into Kentucky and Virginia; it established twenty-seven new congregations, a gain of almost ninety per cent; its membership increased from 1,005 to 1,885, a gain of almost eighty-five per cent.

This was the year that the *Church of God Evangel* was born. The first edition, dated March 1, 1910, contained articles by several prominent ministers of that time who wrote on simple aspects of the Pentecostal blessing. The small eight-page paper also featured a number of personal testimonies and reports from local churches. When the paper was printed, folded, wrapped, and addressed, the editor gathered the modest bundle in his arms and carried it about a mile

to the post office to be mailed. Thus was born a Christian journal that has been published continuously ever since.

Other Pentecostal periodicals had already appeared, so the *Evangel* was an additional voice to the growing testimony. Those earlier publications have ceased since that time, and the *Evangel* is left as the oldest Pentecostal periodical still in print today.

Since its initial publication began on March 1, 1910, the paper has grown in stature and in strength. For fifty years it has been a mirror to its times, recording the spread of the Pentecostal revival, leading sinners to Christ, and exhorting all men to a life of greater consecration.

From 1910 to 1914 the *Evangel* was a biweekly paper, but since that time it has been published weekly. Its page size was changed frequently until 1931 when the present size was begun. For the first twelve years of its publication, it was edited by the General Overseer of the church, A. J. Tomlinson, but in 1922, a year before the impeachment of Tomlinson, a new editor, J. S. Llewellyn, was selected to guide the fortunes of the paper. After five years Llewellyn was followed by S. W. Latimer, who became General Overseer after only one year. Other editors who have directed the affairs of the paper are M. W. Letsinger, R. P. Johnson, E. C. Clark, E. L. Simmons, J. H. Walker, and J. D.

Editorial

A Backward Look—

Then Forward

England, King Edward VII died and was succeeded by George V, a revolution in Portugal dethroned King Manuel and established a republican form of government. William Howard Taft was President of the United States, but ex-President Theodore Roosevelt made more headlines with an extensive tour of Africa and Europe.

The world was becoming travel conscious. The United States was busy constructing a canal across the Isthmus of Panama; railroad traffic was opened across the Andes Mountains between Buenos Aires and Santiago. The newly invented airplane was so vastly improved that it could fly at the fantastic speed of forty-five miles per hour, and one plane reached a record altitude of 11,476 feet.

1910 had its religious significance, too. In Chang-Sha, China, riots were directed against foreign missionaries and six out of nine missionary stations were burned. On the other hand, Turkey exempted American churches and missions from the Ottoman law and granted them permission to own their own property. The Catholic Church issued a papal encyclical that characterized the Protestant Reformation as "a vicious corruption and a perversion of discipline." Conflict between the Vatican and Spain resulted when Spain granted Protestants the right to show external signs of their belief; Rome protested even this degree

Bright, all popular leaders of the church. Every editor has at some time been a member of the Supreme Council, which since 1917 has been the highest body of the church between General Assemblies. Three of the editors—Tomlinson, Latimer, and Walker—have also served as General Overseer; five of them—Latimer, Johnson, Clark, Simmons, and Bright—have served as Assistant General Overseer. Until 1946, the editor of the *Evangel* also served as publisher; at that time the office of business manager was created and E. C. Clark was appointed to fill it. Clark has been succeeded by A. M. Phillips, Cecil Bridges, and E. C. Thomas. In 1959 the title Business Manager was changed to Publisher.

The *Evangel* has recorded the Pentecostal revival from its scattered simultaneous beginning to its present world-encircling dimensions. It has borne witness to the growth of the Church of God from thirty-one congregations in five states to its overspread of this nation and its outreach to more than fifty other nations. It has seen the birth of every department of the church except the Sunday School, which was a part of the Church of God from its beginning. The *Evangel* has felt, and has recorded, the impact of two world wars; it has seen and has analyzed the rise of Communism; it has reflected the problems of Christian living in a technological age. From its beginning, the editorial pages of the *Evangel* have endeavored to keep its readers abreast of the times with a Christian interpretation of current news, religious trends, and

contemporary themes. The success of this has naturally been dependent upon the ability and insight of its editor at the time.

For fifty years the paper has been powerful in sermonic content. Some of the greatest holiness preaching of all times has appeared in its pages. These sermons have been totally evangelical, firmly based on the eternal truths of God, offering to its readers the security and the certainty of God's Word in a time of increasing tumult and human uncertainty.

Looking back over the past fifty years, we see that our present publication has a rich and worthy background. We pause to pay just and deserved honor to those whose labors and efforts have been used of God to make it what it is today. The present editor and editorial staff pay homage to all our predecessors whose labor and influence have left their impression upon the journalistic endeavor.

Not forgetful of the past, we must now look forward. The next fifty years mean more to us now than the fifty years that are past. What has been done means nothing at all if it does not now inspire to greater deeds and achievements for the future. Our present plans, our hopes, our dreams, our prayers, are forward, not backward. Now that we have *glanced* back, we must make sure that we do not *go* back. The good way is before us, and it is our sincere belief that that which lies ahead of us is even greater than that which lies behind.



A CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE

FOR FIFTY YEARS the *Evangel* has been the official journal of the Church of God. Through the years its voice has spoken clearly and authoritatively on those matters which needed to be discussed. The constituents of the Church of God have come to respect and even revere its pages. It would be difficult or even impossible to assess the values of this publication to unnumbered thousands throughout the world for this past half century. It is surely safe to assert, however, that the *Evangel* has been most effective and even vital to the continual progress of the Church during the past five decades.

From the beginning, the Church's dominant passion has been to preach the gospel of Christ to the whole world. Men and women must be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and established in the Christian doctrine. The *Evangel* has been a faithful servant as a pioneer witness extending the message of the holiness faith and Pentecostal doctrine throughout the U.S.A. and other English speaking countries. Its pages have served as an evangelist to the lost, an instructor to the uninformed, and a counselor to the distressed. It has been the beacon which stretched forth the light of deliverance to those who sought truth.

The *Evangel* has been a powerful influence in alerting the Church in America to the missionary challenge in other parts of the world. Through the pages of this magazine the clarion call reached forth—"Come over into Macedonia and help us." Today the message has been received in fifty-six countries around the world, and 133,400 souls outside the continental U.S.A. have become members of the Church of God.

For many years the *Evangel* has been a real friend to the orphaned and abandoned children. The Biblical responsibility of caring for these children has been clearly set forth. Through the magazine, the progress in establishing suitable homes to provide physical, mental, and spiritual care for these children has been reported.

In promoting the full program of the Church, the *Evangel* has not neglected the educational institutions. It has given an effective voice in awakening the Church to the need of providing educational opportunities to her young people. The accomplishments in this field have been rewarding.

More recently the *Evangel* has given a strong voice to the nationwide radio ministry, "Forward in Faith." This project has progressed until now each Sunday some 258,500 watts of radio power transmit the gospel of Christ.

One could continue for a very long time in enumerating the vast contributions the *Evangel* has made to the denomination. Perhaps no greater tribute could be offered, however, than to affirm that the paper has well fulfilled her responsibility as the official Church journal. It has spoken clearly and decisively as the

voice of the Church. It has spoken warmly and emotionally in moments of triumph with words of commendation. Occasionally, it has spoken sternly in rebuke when it seemed necessary. More often than not, it has spoken calmly but courageously to urge the Church onward. Indeed, it has been the voice of direction. The editors, wise, talented and godly men, have fashioned the *Evangel* into an able voice of a great Church.

By taking a retrospective view of the work of the Church for the past fifty years, we discover sufficient reason to rejoice because of the past blessings of the Lord. God has surely and definitely honored the ministry of those early pioneers of the faith. Their faith in God and dedication to the holiness testimony and Pentecostal experience have been richly rewarded. Their compassionate outreach for the salvation of suffering, sinful, dying men around the world has been recompensed by a very rich harvest of souls.

We can humbly, yet proudly, say that the Church of God has won her rightful place in the church world by having organized churches and by having established mission stations in some fifty-six countries around the world. We now have more men and means with which to expand the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ than any time in the history of this denomination. Today there are more open doors before us challenging us to intensify our efforts to reach the unreached than at any time in history. Will we accept the challenge?

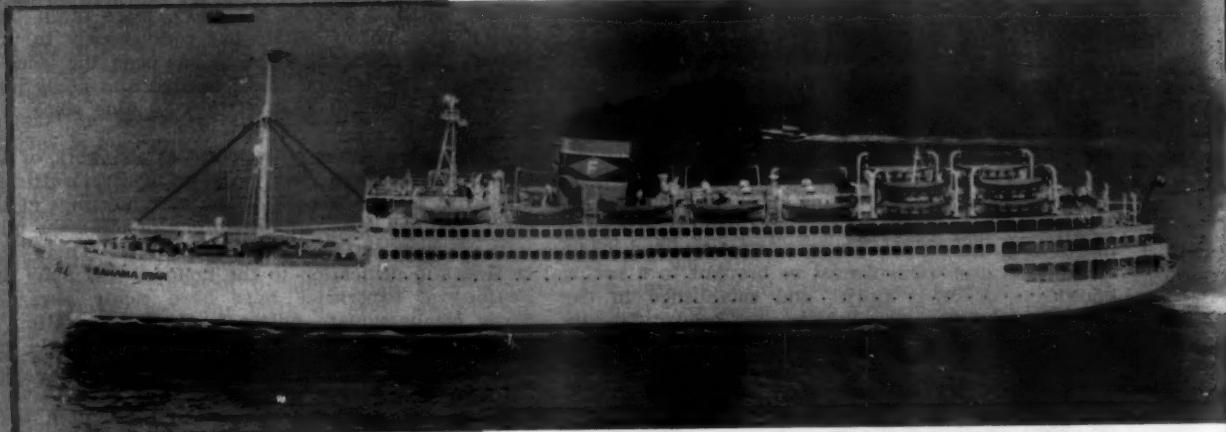
The future is just as bright as the promises of God. We cannot afford to do less than to continue an anointed ministry. The only justification for our existence is that we continue in the faith, fervently serving the Lord. We take this opportunity of calling the membership of the Church to a new dedication to the faith of the Bible and the many leaders of the church to an enlarged vision for a more effective ministry.

Let us tax every facility of the Church to its capacity for the evangelization of the world. "Souls are crying, men are dying." Let us save the lost at any cost. We invite you to use the printed pages of the *Evangel* to make the miraculous power of God's Word known by sending your personal testimony of healings, progress reports on revivals, camp meetings, and articles of general interest. We earnestly request the cooperation of state overseers, pastors, and lay members to help increase the circulation of the *Evangel* by being a regular subscriber and by placing it in public reading places, bus stations, prisons, and homes of influential persons.

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S.S. BAHAMA STAR



The Making of a Legend

BY CHARLES W. CONN

THE FIFTIETH anniversary missions caravan to the Bahama Islands is now history, and I predict that in time it will become a legend among us. It is the type of venture that will grow in remembrance, in significance, and in importance.

The caravan began with a special memorial service in Durant, Florida, home of pioneer missionary R. M. Evans. Following a special message by Lewis J. Willis, the delegates motored across the State of Florida to Miami, where a great host of others were already waiting. The excitement and confusion of boarding the ship was completely new to most of the 726 passengers who boarded the *S. S. Bahama Star* (twenty-four others made the trip on the *S. S. Yarmouth*). Boarding

began about three in the afternoon of January 1, and continued until nearly nine. The decks were crowded as the large ship pulled up anchor and set out to sea. Gradually the lights of Miami disappeared in the night as the ship moved on into the broad expanse of the ocean.

3 A late night service was conducted in the lounge of the ship, with Earl P. Paultk preaching as only he can do.

4 Many of the passengers were up early the next morning, waiting to see the splendor of sunrise on the ocean. About noon the ship reached its destination, Nassau. A group of the Bahamian saints, led by Overseer C. E. Allred and Odine H. Wolff, welcomed us with singing on the docks. It would have been a cold heart that was not gladdened by this experience. The physical hardships of the trip were not enough to rob one of that joyous union.

Brother Aultman, the Program Committee, and the Missions Board were wise in leaving the remainder of the first day free for sightseeing and individual activity. There was too much excitement in the air for anything else.

Brothers Allred and Wolff, along with the other pastors, had arranged efficient transportation to carry the boatload of delegates to three simultaneous services on Sunday morning. Buses, taxis, and private cars took us to the Fowler Street, East Street, and Faith Temple Churches, where we had victorious and jubilant times in each of these meetings. The Americans and the Bahamians mingled in Christian love and worship with singing, praying, rejoicing, and the preaching of the Word. Preachers for the three services were George L. Britt, Cecil B. Knight, and Dr. R. O. Corvin of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Evening services were conducted in the same churches. Because there could be no evening services on Monday, there were two speakers for each of the Sunday night services: George D. Lemons and J. D. Bright spoke at East Street; A. V. Howell and Luther Turner at Faith Temple; A. M. Phillips and Charles W. Conn at Fowler Street.



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9 A mass rally was conducted at the City Ball Park on Monday, January 4. The service began at noon, the same time of day R. M. Evans and Carl M. Padgett arrived in Nassau on January 4, 1910, exactly fifty years before. Brother Carl M. Padgett was with us on this caravan and spoke at several of the services, including the mass rally, with force and clarity as if he were still young. I do not believe that it is any exaggeration to say that he warmed all hearts that were present. The rally featured special singing by the Bahamians and a message by C. R. Spain.

When the ship pulled out from dock in the late afternoon, the Bahamian saints were again on hand to sing farewell to us. Those who lined the rail watching will



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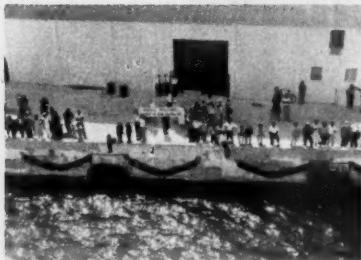
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scarcely forget the poignancy of that departure.

Just before dawn on Tuesday morning, while we were still thirty miles from Miami, trouble in the engine room created a brief fire scare and stopped the ship. The *S. S. Bahama Star* lay motionless on the sea until two tugboats arrived about noon to pull us on in to Miami. There had been no actual danger, but the brief fear that there might be, and the dramatic conclusion of the trip may in time prove to be one of the memorable parts of it. Spontaneous services were begun in the lounges and on the decks. Perhaps it was all providential, for it gave a hint of the inconvenience that our missionaries have to endure; after all, we were commemorating fifty years of missionary service in the Church of God.

After a long night of watching the lights of Miami draw almost imperceptibly closer, we docked at dawn on Wednesday morning, January 6. It was the end of an adventure, that will not soon be forgotten.

In time to come, the trip will be a legend among us like some of the things that have happened in the church in bygone years.

The trip was conceived and planned as a commemoration of fifty years of missionary service. In that way we wanted to recognize, emphasize, and dramatize their travels on and over the seas to their distant fields of labor. It is through their very real, and not merely imagined, sufferings and inconveniences that we as a church have been brought to where we are today. Theirs has been the toll. Theirs has been the care. Theirs has been the struggle. Ours was a sharing in the rejoicing.

May God bless you and sustain you, our missionaries in many lands, for the great labors that you are doing. We have tried to demonstrate to you and to the world that we love you, appreciate you, and honor you. We have tried to demonstrate that we are conscious of and thankful for the great blessings of our God through this past half century.

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Supreme Council Greetings



schools, colleges, children's homes, the Youth Department and *The Lighted Pathway*.

The letters, articles, and sermons published in your years of infancy and uncertainty have continued world-wide in scope for the advancement of the kingdom of God, and have become a tower of strength to the ever-increasing constituency of the church; your messages of "sound doctrine" of

the many departments of the church have given us a comprehensive view of our organization at home and abroad. The current testimonies are heart-warming and inspirational. Your sermons and editorials will forever remain enshrined in our hearts. Your true reward does not rest alone in a large circulation, but in the positive knowledge that you have been instrumental in bringing the age-



Seated (left to right): A. M. Phillips, H. D. Williams, James A. Cross, Earl P. Paulk, and Charles W. Conn. Standing (left to right): J. D. Bright, D. C. Boatwright, Ralph E. Williams, J. H. Walker, Ray H. Hughes, C. R. Spain, J. T. Roberts, Wade H. Horton, W. C. Byrd, Zeno C. Tharp, H. B. Ramsey, and Houston R. Morehead.

the "faith of our fathers" have undergirded us. Your good journalistic methods of production have been most helpful. Different editors have spoken through your pages, each contributing his best. Prolific writers, inspired ministers, and consecrated laymen have been constant in their unanimous support.

Your purpose has ever been to keep your readers informed of current news and religious trends and to fulfill the divine commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In this you have been highly successful and your circulation is commendable. You have the rare distinction of being the oldest Pentecostal magazine in print today.

From your beautiful new home, with modern methods of production which make your pages more attractive and appealing, you speed your blessings to all of us. Your plan of devoting each year to certain doctrinal subjects has enriched our spiritual lives beyond measure. The special issues featuring

less story of salvation to all the world. Your printed pages (ink on paper) come to life through the power of the Word, bringing salvation, hope, and true peace to the world. Your full accomplishments will be truly known only when sin is no more and man is immortalized.

You now face your greatest challenge—a world fighting for survival, amid threats of extinction by mighty hydrogen explosives and doctrines of devils that destroy the souls of men. Mankind today is trying to find an answer to these problems; you can supply his need. Through the ministry of godly men who fill your columns with the truth and light, you will go on to far greater achievements than we mere mortals dream possible. With this firm belief in our hearts, we salute you! May your next fifty years (if Jesus tarries) culminate in an eternal harvest that is not measurable in human understanding, but possible only through the greatness and infinite love of God.

IT WAS NOT OUR privilege to be around at your birth, for it was a full six years after your momentous beginning in 1910 that the Supreme Council was brought into existence. There are, however, among our council members some who recall vividly the struggle you had and we all hail your survival to reach the maturity you now embrace.

We remember the first issues with their potent, far-reaching messages that encouraged and strengthened the family of 1,005 members to whom you ministered. The value of your written pages in the formative years of the church helped to bring into existence other departments of vital strength.

Your ministry even preceded our



A. J. Tomlinson
1910-1922



J. S. Llewellyn
1922-1927



S. W. Latimer
1927-1928
1935-1939



M. W. Letsinger
1928-1931



R. P. Johnson
1931-1932



E. C. Clark
1932-1935
1942-1946



E. L. Simmons
1939-1942



J. H. Walker
1946-1948



J. D. Bright
1948-1952

REFLECTIONS OF FORMER EDITORS

R. P. Johnson

GREETINGS must be a happy part of the Christian's heritage and when the occasion is that of celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the *Church of God Evangel*, I know of nothing that I could do with more warmth of heart than to extend greetings and salute all Church of God ministers, members, and the vast number of friends, lovers, and supporters of the cause for which Christ died, the Church exists, and the *Evangel* is published.

As a member and minister of the Church and a reader of the *Evangel* for forty-four years, and also a former editor, the following are a few of the services in which the *Evangel* has a definite and essential part. (1) It is valuable to the Church generally in spreading abroad authentic information as to the Church's doctrine, teachings, and organizational setup, including the power and work of the General Assembly, its various departments, boards, and commit-

tees. (2) It is a blessing to the states, districts, and local churches as an aid in the fulfillment of their divers services and duties. (3) It is an influence in keeping souls aroused and awake to the fact that holiness of heart and life is God's standard for all disciples. (4) It constantly stresses and presses the right and need of all believers to be filled with, empowered and guided by the Holy Ghost toward a task well done and the saving of selves from this untoward generation. (5) It is keeping readers reminded that perfect love toward God and equal love toward one's neighbor is the supreme law of all who will follow Christ, have peace of mind and happiness of heart. (6) It plays an important part in bringing about and maintaining good relations in the home, church, and among others whose happiness we seek. These with many other varied far-reaching usages merit both this celebration and the future active good will of all.



E. L. Simmons



TO THE *Church of God Evangel* readers, greetings, in the precious name of Jesus. Having had a more perfect knowledge of matters pertaining to the publishing interest of the Church of God and more particularly of its official organ, the *Church of God Evangel*, and drawing near (as we are) to the birthday of that worthy publication, it seemed good to me that I should write to you these few words concerning its birth and growth.

Pentecost was a comparatively new doctrine. Those who had embraced it worshiped in schoolhouses, store buildings, and other such buildings. They were represented by detached unorganized

bodies called in some places "comeouters," because they came out of the nominal churches.

Up to this time there were few Pentecostal papers. These were all in their beginnings: *The Bridegroom's Messenger* of Atlanta, Georgia, *The Midnight Cry* of Portland, Oregon, *The Latter Rain* of Seattle, Washington, and several others on the west coast. These continued their publications at broken intervals, but as far as we know, the *Church of God Evangel* is the oldest Pentecostal paper in the United States with uninterrupted service.

In the year 1909 at the fifth annual Assembly of the Church of God, a committee of seven men, all



In this greeting, I hope to make you conscious of how deeply the editorial staff and those who assist in the publication of the *Evangel* appreciate your warm Christian fellowship in this great and worthy service. Such fellowship adds strength to their purposes, provokes them to more perfect love for God and loyalty to duty, and quickens their spirits to do a better job.

What a privilege for you and me to meet in this issue of the *Evangel* and share in the celebration of its fifty years of blessedness. To you, friend of Christ, I am delighted to extend this short greeting with long range and good meaning.

of whom later became members of the General Council of the Church of God, were appointed as a publishing committee. This committee began its work immediately and by March, 1910, the first issue was in the mail. The name was *Evening Light and Church of God Evangel*. It only carried this title about one year, however, when the words *Evening Light* were dropped, leaving the name *Church of God Evangel*. This has been its name ever since. Thus an avenue of great spiritual inspiration and powerful impact was opened to the Church. Glowing testimonies began to pour in from the churches. The lines of the *Evangel* were like arteries bringing life, evangelistic life. The

Evangel's wings began to spread. A man in Texas was walking down the railroad tracks and he picked up a paper which had been thrown from the train. It was an *Evangel* and was the cause of a great revival that was the means of the Church of God being planted in Texas.

Nor has the *Evangel* been lacking in its inspiration of faith. Ever since that first mailbag was made ready to take to the post office, Christian men and women have knelt in prayer at the office and around the *Evangel* each week and asked the blessings of God upon it that it might carry the message of salvation and healing for the soul and body. The answer to this

prayer has been verified by the thousands of testimonies that have come in stating that by simply laying the *Evangel* on the body God has gloriously healed all manner of diseases.

Isaiah gives us a vivid picture of the *Evangel* in its publishing work for there is no greater work than that of publishing the gospel. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7).

And so we bring you greetings! Greetings with the message from the messenger.

J. H. Walker



IN 1915 WHEN the *Church of God Evangel* was only five years old, as a lad of fifteen, I saw my first *Evangel*. It was then in a large four-page newspaper format, filled with inspiring messages, encouraging reports, and fiery testimonies. There were accounts of outstanding healings, and at times accounts of persecutions overcome by enthusiastic willing sufferers who counted it all joy to be numbered with the sincere band of Spirit-filled believers.

It has been my happy privilege for forty-five years (twenty-six of them in Cleveland) to watch the

Evangel grow, and to be one of the many hundreds of thousands strengthened by it.

The *Church of God Evangel* born March 1, 1910, survived all the pitfalls common to many of the earlier publications, to serve continuously as a leading voice of the Pentecostal movement and has gained the rare distinction now of being the oldest Pentecostal paper in print today. Its pages have spanned the seven seas to keep its readers abreast of the Pentecostal news and activities and progress of the Church in opening new fields at home and abroad, of its creation of various departments to meet more adequately its growing needs and ever-expanding services in the Pentecostal revival of this twentieth century.

This official organ has duly represented our Bible Schools, colleges, world-wide missions, Sunday School and Youth Departments, Home for Children, L.W.W.B. progress, Music Department, and evangelism. It has been a blessing to millions. One copy thrown from a passing train brought the first Pentecostal message of the Church of God to Texas, and was the beginning of our work in that great state.

The *Evangel* finds its way

through crowded cities, rural areas, in mountain country, and over seas. Many people in various lands go in all kinds of weather to get their *Evangel* which to them is the most precious publication in all the world. In sickness, they find messages that gender faith for healing. During times of reverses, when there seems to be no way but down, the *Evangel* brings news of others' victories and again they take courage.

I recall that once the *Evangel's* news brought a disappointment. It was during the influenza epidemic in 1918. Down on the farm twelve miles from Delhi, Louisiana, I had my suitcase almost packed to attend the General Assembly. I had pressed my trousers and had started pressing my coat, when my father came in with the *Evangel*. The headlines that looked three inches tall glared at me across that large newspaper: "Postponed Indefinitely." After a little, I figured those tremendous words meant that no one knew when the Assembly would be, and there was none that year. I was disappointed. Four years later I attended my first Assembly and have never missed a one since.

In a world flooded with undesir-

able literature, the *Evangel* has attained rank and rating beyond the Pentecostal boundaries, being esteemed and appreciated by official editorial boards of Bible believing Christians throughout our country.

Editors

The *Evangel* has had ten editors during these fifty years. I am happy to have served as one of them. Also I am glad to be one of the five editors still living to enjoy its

blessings. I was the eighth, and the first editor-in-chief (1946-'48). I esteem the position very highly and will always appreciate the honor and opportunity of serving. To the editors before me I have high regard and deep respect, and to my successors likewise, especially to our present editor-in-chief, who for the past eight years has done such a superb, outstanding job as an accomplished writer and editor.

To you, our own *Church of God*

Evangel, congratulations on this your golden anniversary. You merit and have our highest praise and commendation for your excellent services thus far and, if Jesus tarries, in the world you face tomorrow with all its perils. Morally, spiritually, and physically may you continue to be that guiding light of truth to the lost, and that stabilizing, strengthening, comforting force to Christian men and our posterity to the end of time.

I HAD SERVED the Church of God as evangelist, pastor, state overseer and assistant general overseer since 1930. In these capacities my experiences were many but no more numerous than I was to realize as editor-in-chief.

The honor and responsibility of becoming editor-in-chief was bestowed upon me by the General Assembly of 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama. This recognition was extended to me again in Birmingham in 1950, and my full term of four years expired in August, 1952, at which time I was appointed state overseer of Texas.

It had been my privilege to serve as member of the Publishing Interest Committee and as field editor of the *Church of God Evangel* for several years. This, plus contributing to state papers and serving as editor of two state papers over a period of five years, constituted most of my journalistic experience before becoming editor-in-chief.

I shall never forget the night of restlessness and prayer I spent following my nomination by the General Council. In fact, it is altogether possible that I would have requested the General Council to permit me to step aside as the nominee the next morning had I not felt the Lord's presence very real before daylight and received encouragement from several of the brethren before the session began.

I was given a strong and faithful committee in the persons of T. W. Godwin, who was chairman, V. D. Combs, James L. Slay, and

J. D. Bright



Paul Stallings. Our work began before leaving Birmingham. The names of several deserving young men were selected and I was authorized to choose either of them to be editor of *The Lighted Pathway* and one of my associates in editing Sunday School literature. I chose a pastor, who had already made a favorable impression by occasional articles to *The Lighted Pathway* and *Evangel*, from the Lead Belt of Missouri, Charles W. Conn. He distinguished himself by his work and became my successor at the General Assembly of 1952, which position he still holds in a most commendable manner.

Once Sister Bright, the children, and I were located on 31st Street (now First), Cleveland, Tennessee, I found myself surrounded by the various phases of my work which consisted in writing the teachers' quarterlies, adult quarterly leaflets, assisting in other Sunday School publications, and the weekly editing of the *Evangel* and giving approval reading to numerous other church publications.

I soon found that at least a few here and there had the same opinion of me that I had—that I did not know very much about journalism. However, I also discovered that as a general rule, they did not know any more, so I decided to be grateful for construc-



tive criticism and helpful suggestions and respect or tolerate all the rest—some amusing and some irritating. Some wanted controversial articles run on doctrines, teachings, and etc., so as to carry on polemics. I gave place to articles and teachings, but not for controversy.

Being quite a bit Irish, I will admit that some of the letters I received ran my temperature rather high, but I had learned while state overseer to pray and sleep over rabble-rousing letters before answering them. Adherence to this attitude not only helped me save my face with those who sought controversy, but helped me gain their respect and many times their friendship.

Some could not seem to understand that when I succeeded Brother J. H. Walker there was a backlog of articles and, of course, when

he went to the office he also had found many articles awaiting their turn. Therefore, it was nothing unusual to receive mild, anxious, inquiries and even demands that "if you think no more of my article than to file it in the morgue, dig it out and return it to me at once."

Many inquiries were in conversations and, of course, were more easily answered. For example, when a person was giving me a good-natured digging about his article not being printed, I told him he had not graced the office with the article. He maintained he had, and knew the subject. I searched the file but did not find it. I said, "When you go back home, find it and send it in." He did.

It is my memory that my reactions to articles were as varied as were the numbers and nature of the manuscripts. While reading some smoothly flowing articles, I would think, "That sounds like a sermon I have read by so and so," and when I checked, I found if I should have run it I would have been a party to plagiarism. A few wanted to know what the difference was in their preaching a person's sermon word for word and running it in the paper. My reply was, "It could be a term in jail dining on cornbread, peas, and clear water or scorched coffee."

Some articles had to be turned down for other reasons which were nevertheless difficult to explain and at times placed a strain on the ties of friendship. Yet, may I hasten to say that there were so many ministers and laymen who contributed good, edifying, timely articles that generally there was plenty of excellent copy for every issue.

It was my position that since the *Evangel* was the official organ of the Church, it naturally should be the voice of every department. However, I presume that all the editors, as well as myself, have had difficulty securing copy from the departments to run as often as desired.

Then, too, I also remember a few touchy points about selecting and editing features for our paper: for instance, the matter of belated obituaries and why. The answer

was that no one took time until weeks or months had passed to send them in to the editor. Consequently, the obituaries of outstanding ministers or members who departed this life in January were run in June. It might have appeared reprimanding to put the date the obituaries were received; yet I think an editor would be justified in doing so.

Suitable editorials are not as easily written as some might possibly think. An editorial might be perfectly good and timely in one issue and almost useless and inappropriate in another. However, I am sure that hit-or-miss, editorials in our publications are written with sincere, prayerful intentions. It was my happy privilege to cover many events throughout the nation and in countries abroad.

It is commonly accepted by an editor that if the majority of the readers consistently accept his writings, as well as the layout and features he edits, he is being treated kindly. I am happy to remember that the *Evangel*-circulation reached at least some of its highest points while I was editor and I think this fact proves that I was treated kindly. This I remember with gratitude. One other high point in my editorial work was being able to set up a universal exchange of publications with other editors. This I am sure is still being carried on. We also set up some new items of publication for the Sunday School department.

May I say further that I recall with deep appreciation the kindness shown me by the ministers throughout the Church by extending to me invitations to speak for them on special occasions. It is also a pleasure to remember having the privilege to represent the publishing interest as a member of the National Sunday School Committee and the Evangelical Press Association, also as a committeeman in the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and above all, the privilege of attending the World Pentecostal Convention in London, England, as a representative of the Church.

Nothing could be more pleasant in my reminiscing than that of the

cooperation of Charles W. Conn; Miss Irene Wales; Mrs. Geneva Carroll; Mrs. Arwana Brown; Esther Driggers Eubanks; those in the Music Department, Otis McCoy and Vep Ellis; the printing foreman, Lee Bell, and all associated with him in the printing plant. It was also pleasant to be closely associated the first two years with A. M. Phillips and the last two years with Cecil Bridges, business managers.

May I say in conclusion a hearty "God bless you" to the present editor, his staff, and committee for the great work that they are doing. I would especially want to say a word of deep appreciation for the outstanding books that Brother Conn has written: *Like a Mighty Army*, *The Evangel Reader*, *Where the Saints Have Trod*, and *Pillars of Pentecost*. This is an almost unbelievable feat in addition to his excellent work as editor.

Sister Bright joins me in sending best regards to the readers of our church publications throughout the world.

Declaration of Faith
(Divisions passed at our recent Assembly)

1. That the following DECLARATION OF FAITH
be adopted:

We believe:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

2. In the verbal inspiration of the Word.

3. In the total inerrancy of three persons, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the apostle Paul.

4. That Jesus is the Son of God, and that the Son of God is the Son of man.

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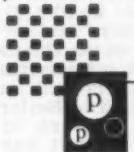
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I have found it my privilege to tell about the Home. It has really been a blessing to me. I want to express my appreciation to the Home. It really is a wonderful place to be and I also want Brother Bridges and Brother Walker to have my appreciation and thanks for taking me into the Home. I have really enjoyed myself since the day I came. We have a swimming pool and a gymnasium to skate and play ball in.

There are about 230 children in the Home. Brother Bridges is the superintendent of the Home. We have wonderful matrons working up here and we have church and school on the campus. Visitors are welcome any time. We are all like brothers and sisters. The Home is located in Sevierville, Tennessee.

I do want to thank the Home for what it has done for me.

—Kathleene Newham

I have been in the Church of God Home about 4 years and I really enjoy myself. We have our own gymnasium and swimming pool. We are allowed to go swimming about twice a week, if not more. We can go to town and the library. We have a summer vacation and Christmas vacation. When we have a birthday, we get a present from the Home. The people here are very nice and sweet to us. They all love us and we love them. I will tell you that this is the best place for anyone who doesn't have a home.

—Martha Rogers

We have a very nice home to live in. It is a very wonderful place for anyone who doesn't have a place to stay. We have Daily Vacation Bible School every year and many interesting things to learn about. We have two different crafts classes. We have two girls' choruses which sing very beautifully. We have piano students who take piano lessons from an excellent piano teacher. Here we have Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We have a coupon room into which go very valuable coupons from a lot of states. Every year we have a banquet and 12 or 13 people get to take a trip to places like New York or Nashville. I like the Home a lot.

—Hazel Lee Wallace

I have been in the Home for almost 11 years. I came to the Home at the age of 3. My name is Carolyn Ann Brown.

My duties at the Home are not hard and I enjoy them. I make my own bed and clean my room. Before every meal I set two tables with fifteen plates to the table. On

Monday I do my own ironing, and the rest of the week is free to play, study, or whatever I wish. I think very much of the Home and the workers. If there had not been a Home, I cannot say where I would be today. My mother and father separated and my grandmother, Mrs. Florida Brown, took me and my 2 brothers into her home and later put us in the Home for Children. My bigger brother left and I am very proud to say that he left with a very good name.

We have a swimming pool and a gym. I have been lucky enough to be lifeguard for the girls.

I want to say that I really appreciate the Home and all you people and your churches for helping support the wonderful Home that is yours and mine.

—Carolyn Ann Brown

My name is Joyce Faye Wilson and I am 14 years old. I have been

YOUR

Home for Children. My father died in February two years ago and my mother, 2 brothers, and sister came to live at the Home. My mother is a matron.

We get the best Christian training. We have nice clothing and good food. We go to church 3 times a week. We have a swimming pool that we can use the year around. We have a gym and nice picnic grounds. I belong to the Girl Scouts.

Everyone is nice to us. Brother Walker and Brother Bridges do everything they can to make us happy. We all love them very much. I like to do what I can to make the Home proud of me. To me, the Home is tops. Pray for us at the Home.

—Carol Pugh

The Church of God Home for Children is for children from broken homes from any state and any church. It is under the care of the best people — the superintendent,



in the Home almost 3 years. Ever since I have been here, I have enjoyed it. I think the Church of God Home for Children is the best organization for children with broken homes or whose parents are dead.

We have a gymnasium and a swimming pool that we enjoy during our free time. We have many outdoor games like shuffleboard, softball, baseball, and football.

There are many things that I thank the Home for. We have a good supply of clothes, food, and many more things.

I surely do thank Brother Bridges and Brother Walker for everything they have done for me. They have been like a father to me and I will always remember them.

I really appreciate the Home and the people that help to support it.

—Joyce Wilson

I would like to say how much I enjoy living at the Church of God

Rev. Cecil Bridges; and assistant superintendent, Rev. R. R. Walker. They are really nice men. The Home has a lot of nice workers. They take care of the boys and girls and work on the farm.

The Home has a nice Board which says if the Home can do certain things. The Board decides if we can go home on vacation. The Board's chairman is Rev. C. W. Webb. He is one of the nicest men in the Home.

The Home supplies just about everything that any boy or girl would want. They give us a bed, food, pleasure, and Christian training.

The Home stands strong for the Church of God and it does not have anything else but Church of God teaching and training.

The Home sends us to school. They get the things that we need to go to school.

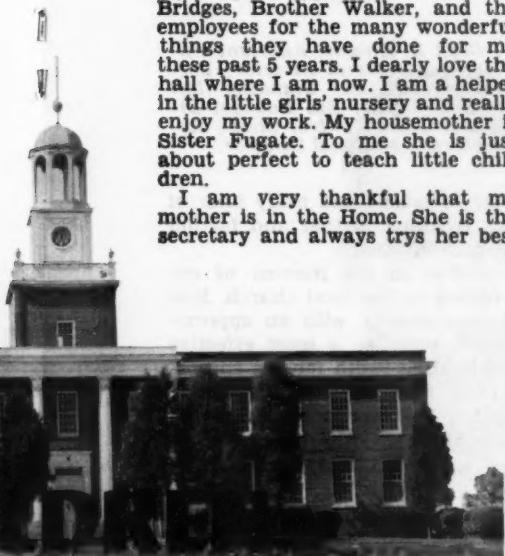
The Home has a lot of clean fun. We have Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Cub Scouts. It is fun to play with all the boys and girls.

The Home is what a boy or girl should be satisfied to live in. It is the nicest place for those who are orphans, have broken homes, or have just one parent living.

—Ray McCormick

My name is Linda Jean Fauber. I am 12 years of age and in the 8th grade. I have been in the Church of God Home for Children for 5 years and have truly enjoyed my stay. I appreciate Brother Bridges, Brother Walker, and the employees for the many wonderful things they have done for me these past 5 years. I dearly love the hall where I am now. I am a helper in the little girls' nursery and really enjoy my work. My housemother is Sister Fugate. To me she is just about perfect to teach little children.

I am very thankful that my mother is in the Home. She is the secretary and always tries her best



at everything she does. There have been many times we all get discouraged, but the only thing to do is pray. Truly I love the Home and what it has done for me, and I am sure that my mother, brother, and sister who are here think so, too.

Remember us everywhere you go through life.

—Linda Jean Fauber

I would like to tell you what I think of the Home. The Church of God Home for Children has been a blessing to me. It is a wonderful place and I like it very much. I have been here in the Home for more than two years. I appreciate the Home in many ways—for clothing, food, and many other things.

We have a coupon room where the big girls work. We have a gymnasium and a swimming pool. The church and school are right here at the Home. We surely do have a lot of fun.

There are approximately 200 children in the Home and about 25 matrons working in the Home. We have different halls, depending on our age. We get a gift for our birthday.

—Betty Rose Wilson

I would like to express my appreciation to the Home. The Home is a very nice place. We get a vacation twice a year and have a very nice time. The church is a very nice place to go to Sunday School. Brother Bridges and Brother Walker are very nice men. We all love them. We go to the fair once a year. We go to school 9 months and we all go to church on Sunday and Thursday. The matrons are very nice to the children and the children are nice to the matrons. There are more than 200 in the Church of God Home for Children. We have Bible school every summer. We get a gift for our birthday.

—Ruby Cutshaw

the Home has done for me. I would like to express how I feel about the Home. To Mother and me it is our only home. Sometimes I feel like I want to leave, but I soon forget it because every day I learn to love the Home more and more. I would like to express my thanks to Brother Bridges, Brother Walker, and many others, but most of all to my mother for she is the main one. The Home has helped me in many ways, ways in which I cannot express. The Home is a wonderful place in which to live when you do not have a home to live in. I am in the Girls' Chorus and the Girl Scouts, things I have wanted to do but did not get a chance to until I came to the Home. I really do appreciate the Church of God Home for Children.

—Sue Fugate

I like the Church of God Home for Children because to me it means everything—a home to rely on, Christian training, security, and something worthwhile to do at all times. Although my mother is a housemother here, I still love the Home.

Rev. Cecil Bridges is like a buddy to us. He understands our problems and enjoys our fun. Rev. R. R. Walker is more like our "daddy." He understands and gives us good counsel.

We have our own church services on the campus, under the supervision of our superintendents, each Sunday morning and night. Y.P.E. services are held Thursday nights under the supervision of Rev. Robert Cox. Our Sunday School is taught by capable teachers. Our Music Department is under the leadership of Sister Evelyn Holcombe and Rev. B. E. Smith.

The thing I like most about the Home is the scouting program. We have a Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, Brownie Troop, Girl Scout Troop, and Explorer Post. Rev. J. I. Burnett is our Boy Scout and Explorer leader. Sister Burnett is the Girl Scout leader. Each summer the Boy Scouts and Explorers go to summer camp. The Girl Scouts go occasionally. We boys have one of the most active troops in the state.

We also have a swimming pool, gym, and a softball diamond. We have a big campus for the children to play on. We have swings, a sliding board, and other things for the children to play with.

Naturally, being a boy of 14, I like the dining room. Robert Cox is the supervisor there. His wife is the dining room hostess. We have a well-balanced diet every meal.

This is why I said that the Home means everything to me.

—Nathan Stewart

SPEAK

I am a girl 12 years of age. I have been in the Home 5 years. It was here that I found the Lord. We have church services 3 times each week.

We enjoy going swimming, skating, and playing ball. Our swimming pool is indoors and so is our gym. We have Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts. We go to school here.

I like to live here, for I think it is a nice place for boys and girls. Our youngest child is 2 years old and the oldest is 18 years old. I love and appreciate the Home and the Church of God for all they have done for me. I have a brother 15 years old and he is in the 10th grade. I am in the 8th grade.

—Martha Lou Hornbuckle

My name is Sue Fugate and I have been in the Home for Children 5½ years. I like it very, very much. I cannot explain how much

HOW FAR—

IS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH DEPARTMENT REACHING?



BY O. W. POLEN

National Sunday School and Youth Director

Seated (left to right): Cecil B. Knight, Assistant National Director; O. W. Polen, National Director; Bernice Stout, Associate Editor of "Pilot." Standing (left to right): Sue Snyder, clerk-typist; Bill Dobben, Director of Lamplighters and Stock Control Clerk; Rebecca Cannon, Secretary to National Director.

THOSE WHO HAVE followed the growth of the Sunday School and youth work in the Church of God are aware of the gratifying progress that has been made since its beginning.

As is true of most church endeavors, the program of Sunday School and youth work, in the beginning for the most part, was a matter of local creation. How grateful we are that the very first Assembly encouraged the work of Sunday Schools.

The subsequent progress in the area of Christian education is to be appreciated and those who contributed to greater emphasis on Sunday School and youth work through the years are to be admired and respected.

Beyond doubt, the Sunday School and Youth Department of the Church of God has risen to the challenge and has developed into a strong, vigorous, and life-giving function. For a number of years, the arms of the Sunday School and Youth Department have reached farther and farther across the United States and Canada, and its fingers have reached into local church after local church, giving guidance and aid to more effective and successful Sunday School and youth evangelism. Now there is perhaps no church in the Church of God which has not directly felt the influence of the National Sunday School and Youth Department.

Training certificates, numbering into the thousands, have been awarded our workers. In the 1958-59 church year, 11,468 certificates were awarded.

For many years, Sunday School was conducted within the church itself, and its outreach was limited. Now approximately 420 Sunday School extension departments help carry the Sunday School lesson to those who cannot attend Sunday School.

The importance of Vacation Bible Schools comes into focus more and more each year (638 were conducted last year), which is another indication that the arms of Sunday School and youth work are reaching farther and farther. A total Sunday School attendance of 10,790,572 and a total Y.P.E. attendance of 5,020,015 (1958-59) are convincing enough that the work of the Sunday School and Youth Depart-

ment never ceases. Every moment and every hour of the day finds its arms reaching farther and farther to serve the great Church of God.

Not too long ago services in the interest of our youth were mostly confined to the local church. Now nearly fifty youth camps annually, with an approximate enrollment of 8,000, serve as a most effective means of reaching and holding youth for the church. *Lamplighters Clubs* (well over 1,000 of these are in operation) are another evidence of expansion.

NOW it has become evident that the arms of Sunday School and youth work have reached into the foreign fields.

Working with the National Sunday School and Youth Department, the Executive Missions Secretary, L. H. Aultman, mailed annual Sunday School and Y.P.E. reports to the mission fields for the first time. Twenty-eight countries or territories reported, and what a thrill it was to detect how far and to what extent the arms of the Sunday School and Youth Department have reached into the mission fields:

- 88 W.T.C. certificates have been awarded
- 47 branch Sunday Schools have been started
- 59 Vacation Bible Schools have been conducted
- 8 Lamplighters Clubs have been organized
- 18 Y.P.E.'s are using the *Pilot*
- 3 observed National Youth Week last year
- 5 reported youth camps

These results are outstanding when it is realized that they were obtained mostly as a result of initiative on the part of the missionaries and workers after hearing or reading about these of the national Sunday School and youth program of the Church of God.

Praise God for these new areas into which the Sunday School and Youth Department has reached and, more important, we praise Him for the prospects of sharing more of the Sunday School and Youth program with the foreign fields as the Missions Department and the Sunday School and Youth Department continue to join hands in the ministry of Sunday School and youth work.

of grace and there are those who sometimes will not yet have been fully won over to the movement. In general, that grace is needed. But the new grace will allow you to escape until such time when God's grace does all the rest and brings about deliverance to those whom you have been unable to bring into the fold of the Lord.

And when you do get into the fold, then you



The Reward of Faith

By LEWIS J. WILLIS

OUR TEXT SPEAKS of the reward of faith. This is the Christian grace which is most frequently mentioned in the Bible. No grace brings greater glory to Christ and greater blessing to man. Hope creates expectation of better things to come, love supplies a warm and willing heart, but faith brings an empty hand and receives everything needed. By faith we begin; by faith we progress; by faith we arrive. No grace is more vital to victorious Christian living. We ought to ask, "Is my faith true and genuine?" The poor woman found faith, though weak and imperfect, which earned for her the Master's commendation, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

One becomes more and more appreciative of the Lord Jesus Christ as he observes His beautiful life. The writer described Him well when he said, "He went about doing good." After uttering the soul-invigorating parables in Mark 4, the Lord made His way by boat toward the shore of the land of the

Gadarenes. While en route a terrific storm arose which threatened the very lives of His party. When awakened by the frantic calls of His disciples, He stood and rebuked the tempest. The startled sailors muttered in amazement, "Even the wind and sea obey him."

When He arrived in the land of the Gadarenes, He found one who was bound by unclean spirits. So terrible was his demon possession that he broke the chains and fetters with which the people sought to constrain him. His home was among the tombs where he lamented the cry of the doomed and cut himself on the stones. Jesus delivered this poor man. A legion of devils was thrust from him and took their abode in a herd of swine which subsequently ran into the sea and were drowned. The people, although aware of a great miracle, besought Him to leave their country, for they were afraid.

Leaving the man clothed and in his right mind to

"Thy faith hath made thee whole," Mark 5:34.

publish the news of his glorious deliverance, Jesus crossed back over the sea. There He was met by a ruler of the synagogue, a man who had oversight of the arrangements of worship, Jairus by name. His little daughter lay dying, and he besought Jesus to return with him and lay hands upon her that she might live. Jesus was on His way to Jairus' home when He was touched by the woman about whom we shall study today.

Among the crowd which thronged the Lord as He went with Jairus to minister to his little daughter was a poor woman who had been sick of a dreadful disease for twelve years. For these many years she had been the victim of an illness which had stripped her of family, home, and friends. After these terrible years her life had become darkened by continual suffering and disease. She was now poor, weak, unknown, and ceremonially unclean. Her world had turned a dull gray as she awaited the deliverance of death.

She had sought help from others but had failed. The physicians had treated her with the remedies known at that time. Evidently she had been subjected to humiliating and even gruesome treatments as she visited one doctor after another. She only grew worse. Finally she had spent all she had, and yet her life was slowly wasting away. The sunset of a life, torn by disappointment and mutilated by terrible suffering, seemed to be drawing near.

This woman is typical of a million other souls. They have been afflicted by the terrible scourge of sin. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the deterioration takes place. Sin begins its deadly work. Attitudes change; ideals are altered; ambitions are compromised; character deteriorates. The thought life is polluted, and subsequent actions emphasize the evil tendencies.

Draining away into the numerous pleasures of Satanic inventions are the finer sensibilities of a soul that could have been great.

Often these derelicts of sin make an effort toward rescue. They affirm their good intentions. A dozen new leaves are turned; promises by the score are made and broken. Then finally, they spend themselves into utter helplessness seeking a better conscience in good intentions and stained self-righteousness. Sin has taken its toll and perdition enlarges itself to receive them.

As the shadows of despair gathered about this poor woman, the murmuring of the crowd brought her a ray of hope. Jesus the Healer was near. She had doubtlessly heard of His merciful healing of others like herself. Now she came to the outskirts of the crowd which pressed upon Jesus. She longed to touch Him. Because of her humiliating disease, she was naturally most timid. After all, she was ceremonially unclean and had no right to be in the crowd. But she was perishing and her weak but militant faith assured her that just a touch of His garment would be sufficient. She dared to face the crowd and find a Deliverer.

An often repeated allusion to this particular event was the fact that the people crowded upon Christ,

but this distressed soul wished to touch Him. There is a tremendous difference. Some folk crowd upon Jesus with their attendance at church, their reading of the Bible, their singing of the hymns, their impassionate prayers, but they fail to touch Christ. While they crowd Jesus with this empty form of worship, a dying thief touches Him and is redeemed, a contrite publican prays and is forgiven, and a diseased woman reaches desperately forward, touches Him, and is healed.

Great faith is manifested in the woman's effort for deliverance. She said, "I shall be whole"—not relieved or helped, but delivered completely. What a strong and beautiful faith to expect help where all other help had failed! What a daring faith to believe that just a touch of His garment would be sufficient! Yet at this very point lay her danger. She believed in Him so much that she felt that she need not touch Him, for His garment was sufficient. Her danger was that she might fail to recognize that her healing was from Christ and not a garment, and because of faith and not a touch. Such is the possibility of a new convert, but her faith was real even though imperfect. "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of the plague."

The Lord stopped on His errand of mercy to Jairus' home and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" for He knew virtue had gone out of Him. We know He knew who touched Him, even to the complete history of the woman. He was omniscient. He knew where to look, for presently, "He looked round about to see her that had done this thing." Her faith needed to be perfected and purified; thus the Lord called her forth.

There is kindness in the Lord's discipline. We may be assured that He did not wish to humiliate this poor woman, but rather to complete her blessing. Now He would teach and prepare her to confess Him elsewhere. A singular benediction would be given her and she would go forth into a new life.

So the Lord called her forth. Her womanly shamed-facedness was natural and commendable. Beyond and above everything, however, this woman knew what had happened to her. Not fully comprehending the full significance of it all, she possibly feared that her blessing would be withdrawn. With much trembling she fell down before Him and confessed the truth. Oh, blessed day when man prostrates himself before Christ confessing the truth! Heaven smiles and angels sing in that hour.

Presently the Lord conferred upon her a distinctive commendation. Her great faith and terrible misery drew forth a lofty word from His tender lips. He addressed her as "Daughter." Never before or afterward in the Scriptures did He address another with this term. He continued, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." His mercy bore her suffering, and His faithfulness rewarded her faith. Thus He corrected her error. Now she knew that faith and not a touch had delivered her, and that Christ and not His garment had reached her. Henceforth, she would no doubt testify freely and courageously of her deliverance and her Christ.



What Is Lee College?

LHE BASIC DISTINCTION of a church related school is its association with its supporting denomination.

Normally, it is expected that the college should reflect the teachings, the missions and the practices of the Church. This philosophy of church related education is the basis of Lee College's identifying motto: Fundamental in belief: Pentecostal in emphasis: World-wide vision.

Fundamental in belief: Doctrinally, both the Church of God and Lee College are committed to the conservative position in theology. Though the school is not exclusively a theology institution, Lee College believes that teachings of Scripture must be brought to bear on every area of learning.

Bible study is a vital part of every curriculum offered at Lee College, and the aim in all the classes is to integrate every subject with the Bible and religion. Lee College feels that this goal can be reached without the loss of academic distinction and without the loss of the views of Scripture.

Pentecostal in emphasis: Evangelism and witnessing lie at the center of the movement identified today as "Pentecostal." The Church of God is one of the oldest denominations which bears the identification as Pentecostal. Lee College feels that the vigor that is so often attributed to ministers should also be a part of the Christian profession whether the individual is a minister of the gospel or a layman.

The religious clubs on the campus carry on a stimulating program of Christian services in deputational work. These programs carry the students into church services, mission schools, social work and prison evangelism. All students (regardless of their educational or professional goal) are invited to participate in these programs.

World-wide in vision: Most of the missionaries of the Church of God have been trained for their profession at Lee College. The Missions Club is one of the

most active clubs on the campus, and it conducts annual drives for the support of missionaries and their endeavors. This interest in missions has not only given a distinct religious atmosphere to Lee College, but it has also been responsible for inviting to the campus many foreign students.

Lee's present and former students have come from practically every part of the world—India, Korea, Israel, Jordan, South Africa, Germany, Haiti, Cuba and others. The student at Lee, with these associations, is afforded an opportunity to broaden his interests and education from the cultural and social aspects as well as the religious.

This three fold program of training and outlook is integrated with the view that the individual must learn to live in the freedom of his fullest capacities. This is the reason for the five divisions of Lee College—High School, Junior College, School of Music, Religious Education, and Bible College.

The High School is a college preparatory program, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Junior College is a general education program preparing the student to go into advanced college work in the Liberal Arts. The School of Music is a terminal program in church music; its primary aim is to prepare directors of music for the local church program.

The Religious Education program is an adult education program, which has only one educational prerequisite for admission; that prerequisite is the ability to read and write. The aim of this division of Lee College is to take adults who have little or no formal education and lead them as far as their abilities permit in Christian education.

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Fifty years is a long time for the life of a magazine. We often hear of such occasions, but we never know of the many publications which have ceased to come out on their schedules for one reason or another. The source eludes me, but I feel certain in saying that the average life of a magazine is between two and three years.

Now the **Church of God Evangel** has fifty candles on its cake made up of bound volumes of past issues. We congratulate past and present editors and staff on this notable accomplishment and anniversary. In the economy of God, an editor usually will not know of the fruit of his labor while on this earth. Yet we know that publications such as the **Church of God Evangel** have been used of God in a definite way in spreading the gospel and in influencing Christians through material based on the Word of God. God bless you! Keep on! As the Lord tarryes, we hope to make it to fifty ourselves.

Mel Larson

Mel Larson, President
Evangelical Press Association
Minneapolis, Minnesota

May I add my sincere congratulations to those of others, on this the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the **Church of God Evangel**. I know of no other Pentecostal publication in America that has such a long unbroken record. If it is true that "the pen is mightier than the sword," then your official organ must have been one of the strongest weapons in the hands of the people who sing so proudly. "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God." I pray that the **Evangel** will continue to inspire the Church of God, people to keep moving forward for God and never to crystallize into a mere monument in honor of past achievements.

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Congratulations too, are in order to the Reverend Charles W. Conn, editor of the **Church of God Evangel**. As a fellow editor, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the fellowship that we have shared in our close association in this editorial field. I always look forward to being with him in our editorial conferences and other meetings in which we have been associated.

Yes, "congratulations" is the word. I like the definition of this term: "To address with expressions of happiness in another's joy, success . . ." And truly we are happy about the success of the **Evangel** and the editorship of our good friend, Charles W. Conn.

We are happy to join hands in the mutual objective of casting the Bread of Life upon many waters through the media of the printed page.

Since editors and publications are placed in a position of helping to mold public opinion, may the Lord make us increasingly useful in influencing people and winning friends to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dallas M. Tarkenton

Dallas M. Tarkenton, Editor
The Pentecostal Holiness **Advocate**
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The Pentecostal Evangel

THE WEEKLY VOICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, EDITOR

May I congratulate you and your fine magazine, **Church of God Evangel**, during this "Year of Golden Harvest." It is impossible to describe all the editorial labors that have gone into the production of your **Evangel** in these past fifty years; neither is it possible to tell all the blessings it has brought to individuals, families, and churches the world around. It has cost you much prayer and perseverance. There have been trials and even tears. From week to week you and your editorial staff have gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, through the pages of the magazine; and the Word assures us that when the final harvest is gathered at last in realms above you will doubtless DOUBTLESS—come with rejoicing, bringing golden sheaves to present to the Lord of the Harvest.

God bless you today on this happy anniversary and grant you an ever-widening literature ministry in days to come. Much Christian love from the editor of one **Evangel** to the editor of another.

Robert C. Cunningham

Robert C. Cunningham, Editor
The Pentecostal Evangel
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FROM the other side of the Atlantic, the **Elim Evangel**, official organ of the Elim Churches in the British Isles and now in its forty-first year, sends greetings to the editor and readers of the **Church of God Evangel** on the completion of fifty years of proclamation of the Pentecostal message.

As you go forward into your second half century, may the Divine favour rest in ever-increasing measure on your faithful witness to the blessed truths for which we stand.

Yours in His glad service,

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Of all anniversaries, your fiftieth anniversary is one worthy of remembrance. During all these years the **Church of God Evangel** has done a marvelous work in spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And you, my good friend, have taken a very prominent part in the goodness of editing this periodical. So please accept my very best wishes and greetings and congratulations. I sincerely hope and pray that the next fifty years may be happy years for the entire staff of your esteemed periodical and that the good Lord will give you wisdom and guidance in the spreading of His eternal truth.

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Looking back, one might measure the publication in the material terms of how many tons of paper and how much ink has been used.

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Should the Lord Jesus Christ tarry another fifty years, may the **Evangel's** ministry be fraught with as much blessing as the first five decades.

E. N. O. Kulbeck

E. N. O. Kulbeck, Editor
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Warmest greetings on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the **Church of God Evangel**! Your publication enjoys a unique and different position in the Pentecostal world than any other, in that you are the oldest. We salute you for your splendid half century of service.

With an ever increasing importance being placed on Christian literature, we are certain the **Evangel** will continue to be an important force among the Evangelical publications. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more years of service should our Lord tarry.

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Herman Baker

Our heartiest congratulations, Charles, on the fiftieth anniversary of the **Church of God Evangel**. We wish you as editor-in-chief, and all the other editors connected with your paper, God's choicest blessings for many years to come and that God will use you mightily for the extension of His kingdom.

Our association with the **Church of God Publishing House** has always been most pleasant. Please give my greetings to the entire staff.

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Lewis J. Willis

Lewis J. Willis, Editor
The Lighted Pathway

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
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Heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your fiftieth anniversary!
 You are to be commended for serving in such a vital capacity in the Evangelical and Pentecostal field of Christian literature. Yours has been a unique privilege and opportunity in these times. The Pentecostal world needs more than ever to strengthen its outreach to its own people as well as to the lost. We feel the *Evangel* has a unique opportunity in meeting this challenge. God bless you as you look forward to an additional fifty years of service, should the Lord tarry.

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Heartiest congratulations to the *Church of God* on having published continuously for fifty years the *Church of God Evangel*!

The Holy Spirit has used its contents to build up the saints in the most holy faith. The Holy Spirit has used the *Evangel* to bring conviction of sin to the unsaved and the backsliders. The Holy Spirit has used it to bring comfort, consolation, and encouragement to the weary, to the discouraged, and to the sorrowing.

We pray God's continued blessing upon its publication and distribution as you lift up the Lord Jesus.

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WHEREAS the *Church of God Evangel* is observing its 50th Anniversary in 1960,
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It gives me very real pleasure to send greetings and congratulations to the *Church of God Evangel* on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary of publication. For a weekly magazine this is no small achievement it represents. It was my own loss that during the earlier years of my association with the Pentecostal movement has been happily replaced by the stability of the denomination it represents. It was my own loss that during the earlier years of my association with the *Church of God Evangel*, in every particular I have seen its steady improvement by receiving regularly paired in recent years, and not least by the Church of God Conn and his efficient helpers, and am confident that it will become increasingly important sections of the one world-wide Pentecostal revival.

Donald Gee
 Donald Gee, Editor
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To a pioneer and an acknowledged leader for many years in the publishing of the Pentecostal message, congratulations! May the *Church of God Evangel* in the next fifty years provide as much blessing, inspiration, and challenge to the rest of us, as it has done in the past fifty years. We can ask no more than that.

Raymond W. Becker

Raymond W. Becker, Editor
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"WHAT IS OUR GREATEST DANGER OF WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH?

THE THREAT OF WORLDLINESS is constant and the struggle of the Church against it never ends. Recognizing that we must pass from each victory to a new struggle, the *Evangel* has solicited the viewpoint of several outstanding church leaders on this important matter. The views of the following are printed exactly as they were received.

D. C. Boatwright, Overseer of Ohio, and member of the Lee College Board of Directors, has been a minister in the Church of God since his young manhood.

Vessie D. Hargrave, Superintendent of Latin America, has an intimate acquaintance with the Church in the homeland and throughout the Latin American countries.

D. G. Homner, Overseer of New Mexico, has served in the remote corners of our land: New England, the Pacific Northwest, and the Southwest.

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Ray H. Hughes, Overseer of Maryland and Delaware, and member of the Evangelism Committee, is one of the most popular evangelists and camp meeting speakers in the Church of God.

Avis Swiger, Lee College instructor, has been teaching and observing the young people of the Church of God for twenty-five years.

These people have given their honest opinion on this important question. What is your opinion?

Word still speaks but is falling on deaf ears — or is given a secondary place in the lives of many for they care more about what the world thinks than what God's Word states and fear the world's criticism more than the judgment of God. This, I believe, is our greatest danger.



VESSIE D. HARGRAVE

"Worldly inclinations are apparent only when godliness is lacking."

WORLDLINESS IS THE opposite of Christ-likeness, righteousness, and holiness; worldliness cannot cohabit with these God-given attributes. The first implies the world in you; the latter the indwelling of God, that which is celestial and not of the world. Therefore, worldliness comes only when there is failure to entertain the spiritual force which dwells within the redeemed. A consecrated life gives no room for the world. A sanctified (holy) person "is not of the world," even as Jesus said that He was not of this world.

The apparent key which unlocks the door permitting worldliness to come in is carelessness—carelessness in our daily devotions and our prayer life. Instead of "pray without ceasing," the world has ceased to pray. Instead of rightly dividing the Word, time is spent reading cheap unessential literature and often pornographic trash. The family altar has been replaced by the family TV programs. Thus the family retires in an attitude of "swing," "shoot-em up," and nightmarish suspense instead of "Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray the Lord my soul to keep." The serene, secure feeling is exchanged for a never satisfying longing for the fantastic, unreal, questionable, and worldly.

Worldly inclinations are apparent only when godliness is lacking. One moves out when the other one moves in. Let us carefully guard our prayer life, Bible reading, and our spiritual consecration, and there will be no room for the world.

D. C. BOATWRIGHT

"God's Word still speaks but is falling on deaf ears."

I HAVE BEEN asked my opinion on what is our greatest danger of worldliness in our church. First of all, allow me to state that there is a dangerous trend in our church today to try to become as much like the world as we possibly can. We are listening more to the opinions and thinking of the world than the demands of God and His Word. God's

D. G. HOMNER

"When one finds a worldly church, he is apt to find a worldly-minded pastor."

IT HAS BEEN SAID, "As the clergy goes, so goes the church." This may seem like a sharp rebuke directed especially to the clergy, but since I have been doing some provocative thinking and personal heart-searching on the above question, I feel that the statement has great merit in it.

We, as ministers, with the help of the Holy Spirit, must do our best to steer the church in the right direction. We must always be a real example of Christian living both in the pulpit and out. For if we expect to see holiness lived and manifested in the lives of our people, it must first be manifested in the lives of the spiritual leaders. That is why the Apostle Paul wrote to the young minister, Timothy, and encouraged him to be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

Usually when one finds a spiritual church, he is more than likely to find a spiritual pastor also; when one finds a worldly church, he is apt to find a worldly-minded pastor.

A ministry which is more interested in personal comfort, personal gain, TV, sports, etc., and has no time for prayer or study is the greatest friend to worldliness. On the other hand, the minister who gives himself to the study of the Word and to prayer is the greatest foe to worldliness in the church. He is a good and wise shepherd, one who is ever on the alert to warn, protect, and feed the flock which is under his care.

WADE H. HORTON

"The church cannot rise above its ministry. As the ministry goes, so goes the church."

IT IS MY CANDID opinion that the greatest danger of worldliness in the church is in a ministry (especially in high places) that is not spiritual enough to lead its membership into deeper experiences of the heart which would curb the worldly trend that is continually increasing year after year, and not fearless enough to courageously and militantly raise its voice against the constant encroachment of worldly and sinful practices. When the ministry is spiritual in its preaching and practicing, and uncompromisingly speaks out against every insidious invasion of worldliness, most of the difficulties will disappear. The church cannot rise above its ministry. As the ministry goes, so goes the church.

MRS. AVIS SWIGER

"I fear we, as a church, are in grave danger of forgetting our real calling ... and of following the lethargy of the world."

I AM SURE THAT there are many dangers facing the church that might be thought of as worldly things, among them the television, participation in amusements, dress, desire for power, authority, or popularity. But the most serious threat today, as I see it, is complacency.

By worldliness I take it that we mean "like the world" or following the example of the world rather than the way of God.

Satan is the author of the feeling of complacency or self-satisfaction. God's way is to continue to strive for greater heights in His service. God has given us the great commission which places upon the church the responsibility of witnessing to all the world of His saving grace. Satan has lulled the world, as well as many churches, into a feeling of self-satisfaction. I fear we, as a church, are in grave danger of forgetting our *real calling* (which is world-wide witnessing) and of following the lethargy of the world.

RAY H. HUGHES

"It seems difficult for some Pentecostals to know where to draw the line."

A BIBLE DEFINITION for worldliness is set forth in 1 John 2:16 "... the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." In most circles, worldliness is thought of in terms of externals only, when actually the external is the fruit of worldliness which is internal.

There are several danger signs and detours which today's church faces. To be sure there is a growing tendency toward amusements and recreation of varied types. Participation in some of these is breaking down convictions and paving the way for gross iniquity. This problem will become more acute as "the end" draws near, for men shall be "... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:4). The church for many years tabooed most all recreation and amusement and classified it as worldliness, but some soon realized that some forms of recreation and amusement must be provided for our constituency. Endeavoring to strike a happy medium has brought mixed emotions to most of us. How far should the church go? We have observed other churches who have gone overboard, and this should make us cautious. The church must serve the WHOLE MAN: body, soul and spirit. This means his spiritual, social, and recreational life. The whole of his activities should be built around the church. Strong leadership and teaching are needed at this point. In some places the pendulum is swinging too far toward amusement and recreation even to the extent that they are rivals of the church. Not enough

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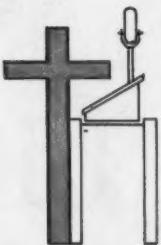
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The aforementioned gives me a great deal of concern, but the greatest danger of worldliness does not always reflect itself in some forbidden sin or pleasure; but in an over-indulgence in something that is legitimate. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34). Hear the warning of Christ.

The type of worldliness that presents the greatest threat to our church is not listed in the *Minutes* of the General Assembly, nor can it be dealt with and cured by action of a disciplinary board. Professing church members have been overcome with the cares of this life (business, home, etc.) entangled in affairs of the world, and have become earth bound. It is a matter of non-conformity to the will of Christ and conformity to the world; not drinking, smoking, movie going, but their being absorbed and engrossed in this present life until they have lost the vision of the life to come—these things steal time and render Christians ineffective. This phase of worldliness paralyzes prayer, the nerve center of the church, and makes church members fertile soil for sin of every description. It is so dangerous because it approaches the church in such a subtle, innocent manner yet, like a leech it draws out the life blood of Christians and leaves them weak, pale, anemic, and subject to the devil's bidding.

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WGUN, 1010 kc, 50,000 watts, 4:30 p.m.

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
WGAC, 580 kc, 5,000 watts, 3:00 p.m.

BAXLEY, GEORGIA
WHAB, 1260 kc, 5,000 watts, 1:30 p.m.

BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
WMOG, 1490 kc, 250 watts, 10:30 a.m.

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA
WLAW, 1360 kc, 1,000 watts, 4:30 p.m.

VALDOSTA, GEORGIA
WGOV, 950 kc, 5,000 watts, 9:00 a.m.

NAMPA, IDAHO
KFXD, 580 kc, 5,000 watts, 3:30 p.m.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
WLS, 860 kc, 50,000 watts, 4:30 p.m.

ROBINSON, ILLINOIS
WTAY, 1570 kc, 250 watts, 7:45 a.m.

WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS
WFRX, 1300 kc, 1,000 watts, 7:00 a.m.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA
R.J.R., 720 kc, 5,000 watts, 5:00 a.m.

PARIS, KENTUCKY
WKLX, 1440 kc, 1,000 watts, 1:00 p.m.

MONROE, LOUISIANA
KNOE, 1390 kc, 5,000 watts, 8:00 a.m.

GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI
WNAG, 1400 kc, 250 watts, 9:00 a.m.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI
WBKH, 950 kc, 5,000 watts, 8:00 a.m.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
WRBC, 1300 kc, 5,000 watts, 7:15 a.m.

BELGRADE, MONTANA
KGVW, 630 kc, 1,000 watts, 3:00 p.m.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
KGGM, 610 kc, 5,000 watts, 12:30 p.m.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
WAYS, 610 kc, 5,000 watts, 9:00 a.m.

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
WDNC, 620 kc, 5,000 watts, 2:30 p.m.

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NORTH CAROLINA
WCBT, 1230 kc, 250 watts, 5:00 p.m.

SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
WEYE, 1290 kc, 1,000 watts, 1:00 p.m.

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO
WPFB, 910 kc, 1,000 watts, 4:30 p.m.

LAWTON, OKLAHOMA
KSWO, 1380 kc, 1,000 watts, 9:30 p.m.

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
WESC, 660 kc, 5,000 watts, 8:00 a.m.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
WAPO, 1150 kc, 5,000 watts, 1:00 p.m.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
WBAC, 1340 kc, 250 watts, 7:30 a.m.

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
WJHL, 910 kc, 5,000 watts, 1:30 p.m.

McMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE
WMMT, 1230 kc, 250 watts, 9:00 a.m.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
WMAK, 1300 kc, 5,000 watts, 8:00 a.m.

SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE
WSEV, 930 kc, 5,000 watts, 1:30 p.m.

DALLAS, TEXAS
KSKY, 660 kc, 1,000 watts, 2:30 p.m.

HEREFORD, TEXAS
KPAN, 860 kc, 250 watts, 6:00 p.m.

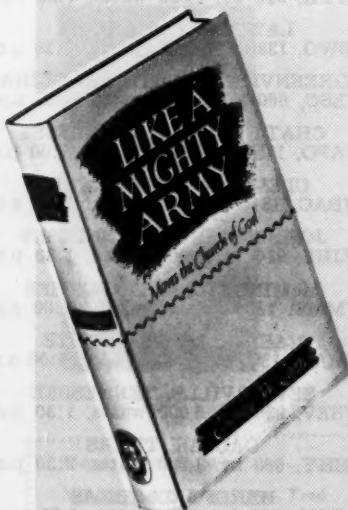
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA
WRIS, 1410 kc, 5,000 watts, 5:00 p.m.

PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON
KAYE, 1450 kc, 250 watts, 9:00 a.m.

OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINIA
WOAY, 860 kc, 10,000 watts, 4:00 p.m.



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